

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A palletizable container for preserving and transporting, in a controlled atmosphere and under a controlled pressure, any produce requiring a particular atmosphere during storage, the container comprising:

a bottom element having wall means completely impermeable to gas and vapor,

a member controlling the flow of gas and vapor between an inside of said container and an outside, said member being integrated into said wall means,

a plurality of rigid stackable intermediate elements, each having an open upper portion, an openwork bottom, and side peripheral walls completely impermeable to gas and vapor, and each being capable of containing loose, packed or semi-packed produce,

a rigid cover element completely impermeable to gas and vapor,

connection means for fastening the bottom element, the peripheral walls, and the cover element to each other, said connection means being included in the bottom element, in the intermediate elements, and in the cover element,

means for providing a seal between the bottom element, the peripheral walls, and the cover element so that they are connected in a sealed manner.

10. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9, wherein the connection means comprise a downwardly open groove formed on a lower circumference of each of the intermediate elements and of the cover element, into which an upper circumference of the element stacked immediately below one of the intermediate elements or the cover element is capable of being inserted.

11. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 10, wherein the groove comprises a seal.

12. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 10, wherein the lower circumference of each of the intermediate elements and of the cover element also has, around the groove, a rib with a U shaped section and the upper circumference of each of the intermediate elements or bottom element comprises at its periphery a gutter with a U shaped section to receive the rib of the element stacked immediately above one of the intermediate elements or the bottom element.

13. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 12, wherein the gutter or the groove comprises a seal.

14 (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 12, wherein the rib and/or the gutter further includes pins which can snap fasten into corresponding holes provided in the gutter and/or the rib.

15. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9, wherein each element is generally in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped.

16. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 9, wherein the elements are made of a plastics material or of a composite material or of any suitable material.

17. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 13, wherein each element is generally in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped.

18. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 13, wherein the elements are made of a plastic material or of a composite material or of any suitable material.

19. (Previously Presented) A container according to claim 13, wherein the rib and/or the gutter further includes pins which can snap fasten into corresponding holes provided in the gutter and/or the rib.

20. (New) A palletizable container for preserving and transporting, in a controlled atmosphere and under a controlled pressure, any produce requiring a particular atmosphere during storage, the container comprising:

a bottom element having wall means completely impermeable to gas and vapor,

a member controlling the flow of gas and vapor between an inside of said container and an outside, said member being integrated into said wall means,

a plurality of rigid stackable intermediate elements, each having an open upper portion, an openwork bottom, and side peripheral walls completely impermeable to gas and vapor, and each being capable of containing loose, packed or semi-packed produce,

a rigid cover element completely impermeable to gas and vapor,

connection means for fastening the bottom element, the peripheral walls, and the cover element to each other, said connection means being included in the bottom element, in the intermediate elements, and in the cover element,

means for providing a seal between the bottom element, the peripheral walls, and the cover element so that they are connected in a sealed manner,

wherein the connection means comprise a downwardly open groove formed on a lower circumference of each of the intermediate elements and of the cover element, into which an upper circumference of the element stacked immediately below one of the intermediate elements or the cover element is capable of being inserted, and the lower circumference of each of the intermediate elements and of the cover element also has, around the groove, a rib with a U shaped section and the upper circumference of each of the intermediate elements or bottom element comprises at its periphery a gutter with a U shaped section to receive the rib of the element stacked immediately above one of the intermediate elements or the bottom element.